

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently amended): ~~A library of protein-encoding RNA molecules~~ molecule(s) ~~from a gene library or a cDNA library,~~ said RNA molecules being covalently bonded at their 3' ends to a non-RNA moiety.

23. (Currently amended): The ~~library~~ RNA molecule(s) according to claim 22, wherein said non-RNA moiety is DNA.

24. (Currently amended): The ~~library~~ RNA molecule(s) according to claim 23, wherein said DNA forms a double-stranded chain of DNA and RNA.

25. (Currently amended) The ~~library~~ RNA molecule(s) according to claim 23, wherein part of said DNA forms a double-stranded chain of DNA and DNA.

26. (Currently amended): The ~~library~~ RNA molecule(s) according to claim 22, wherein said non-RNA moiety is a double-stranded chain of RNA and short chain DNA.

27. (Currently amended): The ~~library~~ RNA molecule(s) according to claim 22, wherein said non-RNA moiety is a combination of DNA and a non-nucleotide moiety.

28. (Currently amended): The ~~library~~ RNA molecule(s) according to claim 27, wherein said non-nucleotide moiety comprises one or more polyethylene glycol moieties.

29. (Currently amended): The ~~library~~ RNA molecule(s) according to claim 22, wherein said non-RNA moiety is a double-stranded chain of RNA and short chain PNA.

30. (Currently amended): The ~~library~~ RNA molecule(s) according to claim 22,
wherein said RNA molecules are messenger RNAs.